

TRIBUTE TO WAVERLY DISTRICT
IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Sixth Congressional District community that celebrating its centennial anniversary. The Waverly District in Columbia, South Carolina, is an historic African American neighborhood that has built a very proud history over its 100 years in existence, and it is my honor to represent it in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Waverly District was named a National Register of Historic Places District in 1989, and is the only African American residential neighborhood to hold that distinction in Columbia. There is good reason it qualified for this designation. By the early twentieth century, Waverly was a thriving community of African American artisans, professionals and social reformers, many of whom made significant contributions to the social and political advancement of African Americans in South Carolina and in the nation.

Among the Waverly District historic properties and sites are: the Heidt-Russell House, home of Edwin Roberts Russell, one of the few African American scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project in during World War II; the Matthew J. Perry site, location of a former home of South Carolina's first African American Federal Judge and 1963 Edwards v. South Carolina lead attorney. The landmark breach of the peace case and its impact on civil rights was featured in May 2013 on C-SPAN's LCV Cities Tour; the Modjeska Simkins childhood home, former home of the "Matriarch of the South Carolina Civil Rights Movement" Modjeska Monteith Simkins, who hosted former Justice Thurgood Marshall during strategy meetings for *Briggs v. Elliot*, which became part of the historic Brown v. Board of Education desegregation case; and the Visanska Starks House, one of the few historic sites in America with residential histories of an antebellum white Southern woman, a Jewish immigrant from Poland, and an African American scholar who became president of three historically black colleges. The House and its carriage house were featured on a segment of HGTV's "If Walls Could Talk" and the site is a member of the International Sites of Conscience.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Waverly District and congratulate the Historic Waverly Improvement and Protection Association President, Doris Hildebrand, and Association Historian, Catherine Fleming Bruce, for their efforts to commemorate this great occasion. The current residents and members of the extended community have dedicated themselves to preserving the Waverly District and its history, and they deserve commendation for their extraordinary work. This is a model preservation effort that is dear to my heart and serves as an example of the significant impact such efforts can make for future generations.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the Grimm amendment to the FY 2014 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of this amendment which would prohibit the Transportation Security Administration from moving forward with a policy to allow knives to be carried on to airplanes.

While I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, I commend the TSA for their announcement today that they will no longer pursue a policy to allow knives in carry-on luggage on planes. TSA is putting public safety first with this decision. They are listening to the serious concerns raised by flight attendants, pilots, TSA screeners, air marshals, airlines, and the American public.

It is our job to ensure that government takes common-sense measures to increase the safety of our commercial air transportation system. While we can never ensure complete safety, prohibiting passengers from bringing knives onto planes is a reasonable post-9/11 measure that should be kept in place.

Safety should always be our number one priority when evaluating changes to airline policy. I commend TSA for their commitment to keeping our skies and the American public as safe as possible.

I urge my colleagues to support the Grimm amendment.

HONORING DE'UNA WILSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. De'Una Wilson, the 2012 Valedictorian at Canton High School, in Canton, Mississippi. De'Una is the daughter of Mr. Derreco, Sr. and Ms. Regenia Wilson. She was born and raised in Canton and attends Canton United Methodist Church.

De'Una's accomplishments can be attributed to her desire to fulfill her grandmother's dying wish, which was for her to graduate at the top of her class. To achieve this, De'Una dedicated herself to her academics and completed her senior year with an "A" average, earning her the merit of Class Valedictorian. In addition to her academics, De'Una has remained active in her community by volunteering at the Open Door Community Outreach Center at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, and working a part-time job.

De'Una has been accepted into the Engineering Program at Jackson State University where all of her hard work was rewarded with a full scholarship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. De'Una Wilson in being Valedictorian of Canton High School's 2012 graduating class.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened when I learned of the passing of Senator Frank Lautenberg. I am certain that anyone who had ever met Senator Lautenberg would agree, regardless of political party affiliation, that he was a remarkable statesman and hard working government servant. The longest-serving senator in New Jersey's history, he was gifted in interpersonal relations, and recognized for reaching across the aisle to benefit the people of his state, and the citizens of our nation as a whole. And as the last veteran to serve in World War II in the U.S. Senate, he represented a generation of leaders who left a legacy of service that continues to inspire all Americans.

A proud son of hard-working immigrants, Senator Lautenberg rose from humble beginnings to attain success in business and public service. He was an incredibly efficient entrepreneur who turned a small business into one of the largest computing services companies in the world; a soldier who put his life on the line to protect our country; a Senator who helped ban smoking in airplanes and around children, who worked to ensure parents could take time off to care for sick family members, and the Senator who helped modernize the G.I. bill to ensure today's veterans could benefit from the same opportunities he did.

Additionally, throughout his years in the U.S. Senate, he worked tirelessly to secure investments in infrastructure for the Northeast Corridor, and it was in the area of transportation that I personally worked with Senator Lautenberg as a close partner. Senator Lautenberg's staunch efforts to augment Amtrak and commuter rail parallel my own. And as the Chair of the House Transportation Subcommittee on Railroads under a House Democratic Majority, we worked closely to increase funding for Amtrak and passenger rail both in the Northeast Corridor and throughout the entire United States.

Senator Lautenberg, who served on four Commerce, Science and Transportation subcommittees, including aviation operations and surface transportation, helped save Amtrak from budget hawks; supported tarmac delay protections for airline passengers; was instrumental in increasing transportation spending for mass transportation and other infrastructure improvements; succeeded in getting stricter limits on drinking and driving, and managed to get smoking banned from airplanes, among numerous other transportation-related accomplishments.

In fact, Senator Lautenberg wrote the 2008 law to increase Amtrak funding and create the nation's high-speed rail grant program. And in